

Attorney Docket No. P13286-US2
Customer Number 27045

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants note that there were some inconsistencies between the Office Action Summary and the Detailed Action regarding the disposition of the claims. In this Amendment, the Applicants have relied, primarily, upon the disposition recited in the Detailed Action, although there are inconsistencies there as well.

The Applicants have amended claims 34 and 37 to place them in condition for allowance. Claims 20-24, 28, 31-33, and 35-36 have been canceled herein. Claims 1-3, 11, 12, 16-19, and 25-27 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 4-10, 13-15, 29, 30, 34, and 37-39 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 4-10, 13-15, 29, 30, 38, and 39.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 37 and 39 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have presumed that the Examiner intended to indicate that claims 34 and 37 were objected to, because as noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2, claims 34 and 37 recite the allowable limitations, and claims 38 and 39 are allowed because they depend from an allowable claim (claim 29).

Claims 34 and 37 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, the allowance of claims 34 and 37 is respectfully requested.

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3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In paragraphs 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 20, 31-33 and 35-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Lippman (US 6,724,433). The Applicants have canceled claims 20, 31-33 and 35-36.

4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In paragraphs 12-13 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 21-23 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lippman in view of Wang (US 6,707,852). The Applicants have canceled claims 21-23 and 28.

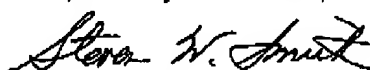
In paragraph 20 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lippman in view of Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia ("Wikipedia"). The Applicants have canceled claim 24.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 4-10, 13-15, 29, 30, 34, and 37-39.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,


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